

Pocumtuck Nov 15 1887

Friend May

I was surprised
and disgusted that the
Spy should have allowed
Eli Thayers ribald article
in its columns at all much
more as editorial. But I
think Mr. Stern the editor
is not friendly to the Garrisonians,
and without him-
self noticing or looking at
the entire correspondence
accepted Eli's screed.

Both my own letter and Mr.
Robinsons reply were published
in the N.Y. Sunday Tribune of
the 6th and Eli had sent
me a copy which I enclose
as you may not have seen
it. It was you see furnished

by Thayer who procured it from Robinson, and he does not add much of his ribald nonsense to it, merely the fling of one a Unionist and the other a Dissident.

I am glad the entire letter was published, as a whole they are satisfactory to me, for although Robinson's letter is mainly a fulsome eulogy of Thayer, and although he does say that he thinks Thayer does not claim too much, when he claims the whole. Still he shows in another place, that the Garrisonians were the founders and life of the whole movement for the Abolition of Slavery and honors them accordingly, while Eli' has

only scoffs and falsehoods to
endow them with.

I would like to have the slip
containing the correspondence
returned to me at your con-
venience,

I will send off Johnson the article
of Eli's in Saturday's Spy
as also the other one I finished
for the Mendocino paper.

They took large liberty with
what I wrote, but as in the whole
they published the extracts I
had cited and indeed a
little more in the context, though
one final sentence they omitted.
I am content to leave it there.

I carefully avoided personal
reflections, as in a contro-
versy of sharp witted Eli could
out talk me. Still I think
that calling me Balak who

besought Baalam (Robinson
to curse Israel (Thayer) is far
from true. As I made no
call for condemnation but
only an appeal for con-
sideration of judgment,

I might have replied that
was the Ass that spoke
the fact of the Spy having
committed itself to Thayer
giving his article editorial ju-
risdiction. I concluded him for
admitting any thing critical
of the article, as newspaper
etiquette does not allow scepticism.

I have some doubt about an
opportunity to send my letters to
the Soc. of Antiquity. They think I
have heard enough about it, and
voted to close the subject last Spring
when Thayer's collection of letters was re-
viewed by Mr. Rice and me. We had a little dis-
cussion of the matter. But I shall try
to get them in some time, and will send
some of them in the Spy I think. J. W. Fox